(c) The C&F Value of the Potash imported during 1987-88 and 1988-89 was Rs. 160.88 crores and Rs. 298.681 crores respectively.

जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत मजदूरी की अदायगी

1281. **श्री शान्ति त्यागी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अधीन यह निदेश दिया गया है कि किसी भी कार्य पर व्यय की गई राशि का कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत मजूरी के नगद भुगतान पर किया जाना चाहिए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सत्य है कि ईंटों के ऊंचे मूल्य इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने में कठिनाईयां उत्पन्न करेंगे और ग्राम प्रधानों द्वारा बनायी गयी गांव विकास योजनाओं में रुकावट डालेंगे ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार पंचायतों को निर्माण कार्य के लिए भट्टा मालिकों से सस्ती दरों पर ईंटें उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) गैर-मजदूरी घटक पर 50 प्रतिशत से अधिक खर्च को योजना निधियों के बाहर से पूरा किया जाना है । ईंटों की ऊंची कीमतों के बारे में मामला न तो भारत सरकार के ध्यान में लाया गया है और न ही इसका प्रस्ताव सस्ती दर पर ईंटें सप्लाई करने का है । यह स्थानीय कार्यान्वयन अधिकारियों का उत्तरदायित्व है कि वे यथा संभव अच्छे से अच्छे तरीके से समस्या का समाधान करें जिसमें ईंटों का सीधा निर्माण शामिल है यदि इसकी आवश्यकता महसूस की जाए ।

Decontrolling the import of newsprint

1282. **SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE**: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society had demanded, through a deputation which called on the Prime Minister in the first/second week of June, 1989, to decontrol the import of newsprint and to allow its import under open General Licence, with a view to help the industry to overcome the shortage of this commodity; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the demand made and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Some members of the Indian Newspapers Society informally met the Prime Minister on 7th June, 1989 and mentioned about the newsprint problem. On the basis of the directives given by the Prime Minister, a Group of Secretaries comprising of Secretaries of Finance, Industrial Development, Commerce and Information & Broadcasting was asked to look into the problems relating to newsprint. Based on the outcome of the discussions of the Group, steps have been taken to provide additional foreign exchange required for the import of newsprint and to extend customs duty relief on glazed newsprint to the small and medium newspapers who are entitled to allocations of glared newsprint as per the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1989-90.

Villages without potable water in Uttar Pradesh

1283. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh which are still without potable water facility; and

(b) what is the number of villages in that state which have been pro-

vided safe drinking water facility during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 3779 "No source" problem villages are still without potable water facility in Uttar Pradesh as on 1.7.1989.

(b) 414 "No Source" villages have been provided safe drinking water facility during the last three months.

Production of wheat

1284. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of wheat during the current year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to meet the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) According to the information available from the States so far, the production of wheat in the country during the current year (1988-89) is expected to be about 54 million tonnes, exceeding the target of 52.32 million tonnes.

Prosecutions against industrialists for not depositing P.F. of their workers

1285. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industrialists in the country against whom prosecutions were launched for not depositing P.F. share of working during the last six months in different parts of the country; and

(b) what is the amount of P.F. dues which have not been deposited by employers with P.F. Commissioners, so far, during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Arrest of jute mill owners for not depositing P.F. dues of workers

1286. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Jute mill owners were arrested in the third week of June, 1989, for not depositing P.F. dues of their workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of complaints filed by the provident fund authorities, the police is reported to have arrested three Directors of M/s. Kanikinarrah Jute Mills, one Director of M/s North Brook Jute Co. Ltd. and the Chairman of M/s. Baranagore Jute Factory on the 24th June, 1989 and on production before the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, bail was granted to four of the accused, while the Director of M/s North Brook Co. Ltd., was remanded to judicial custody upto 8.7.89.